



# Policy Statement

State of Iowa

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## **Policy Statement Supporting Funding of Local Procurement of Public Safety Grade Land Mobile radio (LMR) Equipment Used on Statewide Interoperable Networks, and Platforms.**

WHEREAS: The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) is established in Code of Iowa sections 80.28 and 80.29. ISICSB is charged to develop, implement and oversee policy, operations, and fiscal components of communications interoperability efforts at the state and local levels, and to coordinate similar efforts at the federal level, with the objective of overseeing operation of statewide integrated public safety systems, and establish, monitor, and maintain appropriate policies and protocols, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB is directed to allocate and oversee state appropriations or other funding received for interoperable communications; identify sources for ongoing, sustainable, longer-term funding for communications interoperability projects; develop and evaluate potential legislative solutions to address the funding and resource challenges of implementing statewide communications interoperability initiatives; develop a statewide integrated public safety communications interoperability system that allows for shared communications systems and costs; to emphasize the importance of developing and funding long-term solutions, including implementation of the statewide integrated public safety communications interoperability system; identify, promote, and provide incentives for appropriate collaborations and partnerships among government entities, and agencies, relating to communications interoperability; provide incentives to support maintenance and expansion efforts to promote implementation of the statewide integrated public safety communications interoperability system, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports and encourages nationally recognized organizations to continue providing standardization of public safety equipment, systems, networks, platforms, and services (e.g., see Policy Statement 2015-01; Project 25) for use on all channels, frequencies, and talkgroups for operability and interoperability, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB recognizes Public Safety Grade (PSG) and Project 25 as an evolving set of standards across all aspects of public safety communications nationally recognized standard(s) for coverage, availability, reliability, capacity, security, resiliency individually or collectively describing equipment and services which work under all emergency response conditions, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB recognizes standards based interoperable equipment approved for use on statewide communications systems/platform can be more expensive for governmental units to afford than equipment used only for local operational needs and; Now therefore;

**IT IS ISICSB POLICY: That the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) hereby documents and publishes policy to allocate and oversee such state appropriations or other funding for interoperable communications by identifying, promoting, and providing incentives for standards based interoperable equipment which meets or exceeds criteria established by ISICSB for use on statewide interoperable systems/platforms.**